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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-9413-2023(O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.09.2023

Jyoti Devi and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Kanav Bansal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 (girl) and petitioner No.2 (boy) are of the age 20 years. It is averred that the family members of petitioner No.1 want petitioner No.1 to marry against her wish with the boy of their choice forcibly whereas petitioners like each other and want to marry each other. It is further averred that due to aforesaid reason at present the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship as petitioner No.2 has not attained the marriageable age as per law. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.1 is opposed to the relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that scope of the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the petitioners. He has submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) dated 17.09.2023, to the Superintendent of Police, Kurukshetra but no action has been taken on the same.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 only.

Mr. Naveen Kumar Sheoran, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Copy stands supplied.

This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of inter se relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in live-in relationship, the scope of present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – the Superintendent of Police, Kurukshetra that representation (Annexure P-3) filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for ensuring the protection of life of the petitioners.

22.09.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No